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## **PENNSYLVANIA MAN CONVICTED OF DRUG CONSPIRACY** **FOLLOWING TRIAL IN FEDERAL COURT**

### ***Members of International Drug Trafficking Organization Conspired to Acquire 80 Kilograms of Cocaine from Federal Agent***

ALBANY, NEW YORK – A jury in Albany convicted a Reading, Pennsylvania man of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute more than five kilograms of cocaine following a two-day jury trial, announced United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian and James Spero, Special Agent-in-Charge, Homeland Security Investigations. Miguel Reyes, 50, faces at least ten years of imprisonment, a maximum term of imprisonment of up to life, and a \$10,000,000 fine. Sentencing is scheduled for February 10, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. in Albany, New York before the Honorable Thomas J. McAvoy.

The evidence at trial showed that, in 2004, REYES conspired to obtain 80 kilograms of cocaine from undercover law enforcement officers posing as cocaine traffickers from Montreal, Quebec. Members of the conspiracy intended to distribute the cocaine throughout the United States. Two other members of the conspiracy, who were convicted in 2004 and 2005, delivered \$200,000 in U.S. currency to undercover law enforcement officers in exchange for a portion of the cocaine. REYES was arrested in early 2013 after attempting to enter the United States from Mexico.

The case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations and the Montreal Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Wayne A. Myers.

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